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Decker Lake Elementary School

Principal's Message

Dear Husky families,

Our staff and school community were very saddened by the sudden passing of our dear and beloved custodian/ noon hour supervisor Vivian Eftodie. Miss Vivian worked for the school district for twenty-three years and nineteen of those years were spent here at DLES. Miss Vivian was a kind, giving, fun-loving member of our staff. She loved our Huskies and our Huskies loved her. She took great pride in keeping our children safe on the playground and even more pride in keeping our school clean and sparkling. She will forever hold a special place in our hearts. We will host a small celebration of her life on October 23rd at 11 AM in our gymnasium. Everyone is welcome.

We have noticed an increase in toys being brought to school. The school is not responsible for lost, broken, traded or stolen toys. We would prefer your child to leave their toys at home.

We will have two emergency drills this month. A lockdown drill is scheduled for October 14th. The RCMP will be present to assist us with this drill. We will be participating in the BC Shake Out (earthquake) drill on October 16th. Both drills are intended to teach children the safety protocols related to each drill.

We will have a Book Fair on October 21st and 22nd. The PAC has generously agreed to buy every child in the school a book valued up to \$20. Thank you, PAC. The Book Fair will be open to classes on the 21st and to the public during *Talk About Learning* conferences on October 22nd from 2 – 6 PM.

Talk About Learning conferences are scheduled for October 22nd from 2 PM – 6 PM. Please phone the school office and book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. Huskies will be dismissed at 11:47 AM on the 22nd. Buses will run three hours earlier than usual.

Mrs. Benoit's class will be hosting a Halloween carnival on Friday, October 31st. Huskies are welcome to wear their costumes to school. Please leave costume accessories such as swords and weapon type items at home to enjoy when trick-or-treating.

Hot lunch will be starting on Wednesday, November 5th. A menu was sent home with Huskies this week and all orders must be returned by October 17th. All lunches this year will cost no more than \$6. If you can help with hot lunch in any way, please contact a member of the PAC.

DLES swag orders went home with Huskies this week. All orders need to be returned to the school by October 17th. No late orders will be accepted. Items will be ready for pickup before the Christmas holiday.

Wishing all our Husky families a safe and wonderful month ahead. We are grateful to have you as members of our school community, and we hope you feel welcome when you are here.

With much gratitude,

Ms. Giesbrecht

Principal - DLES

DLES Shares with Parents...

Mark your Calendar

October

- 13 Thanksgiving—No School
- 17 PAC Movie Night
- 21 Book Fair for students
- 22 Talk About Learning Time
(Parent/Teacher Interviews)
Early dismissal 11:47 am
- 22 Book Fair for adults & students
- 23 "Goodbye Ms. Vivian" Assembly
- 24 Pro-D Day—No School
- 31 Halloween 
- 31 Halloween Carnival, & Costume Day

November

- 5 Photo Retakes 
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly 
- 11 Remembrance Day—No School
- 21 Pro-D—No School
- 28 Hat Day

No School
Monday, October 13, 2025
for Thanksgiving

No School
Friday, October 24, 2025 for
Provincial Pro-D

Halloween
Friday,
October 31, 2025
Costume Day &
Halloween Carnival
(for students)
Costumes welcome, but please leave accessories at home



“Goodbye Ms. Vivian” Celebration of Life

Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 11 am

We are having a short assembly for our students and families to say, “Goodbye” to our former beloved, vivacious, fun-loving custodian Ms. Vivian Eftodie who passed away on September 26, 2025 after a short illness. She will be in our hearts forever.



Please watch Facebook for the auction taking place after Thanksgiving.



Scholastic Book Fair

October 21 & 22, 2025

Help support our Library by dropping in at our Scholastic Book Fair in the Library to purchase some amazing reading material!

October 21 –Open to students

October 22, 2 pm—6 pm

After talking with your child’s teacher at the “**Talk About Learning**” event, parents & guardians are welcome to stop in to shop as well!!

Electronic payment will be available.

Thank you to DLES PAC for generously offering to buy every child in the school a book valued up to \$20!!!



Halloween Carnival

October 31, 2025

1 pm—2:30 pm

in DLES Gymnasium

Parents, guardians, everyone & their costumes are welcome!!!



Notice of Upcoming Safety Drills @ DLES

October 4, 2025—Lockdown Drill

October 16, 2025—Earthquake Drill

November 4, 2025—Fire Drill



Decker Lake Elementary

is on Instagram!!!

Our new Instagram account is:

dles_huskies

Our Instagram account is private.

Followers will need to be given
access to join.



Say CHEESE!!!

Photo Retakes

November 5, 2025

9 am



REMINDER!

Please call by **2:00 PM** if you will be changing your child's after-school-to-home arrangements. Calls too close to bus time, can not guarantee they can be changed in time before their bus leaves!

PAC Post...

ORDERS DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 17, 2025

**HOODIES
AND ZIPS**

\$50



HOODIES AVAILABLE IN:
MINT / BLACK / GREY
YOUTH S - XL
ADULT S - XL

CLOTHING BROUGHT TO
YOU BY

RED LINE
Design

SWEATPANTS

\$45



SWEATPANTS
AVAILABLE IN:
BLACK
YOUTH OR ADULT
S - XL

**LONG SLEEVE
T-SHIRTS**

\$40



LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS
AVAILABLE IN:
BLACK / GREY
YOUTH XS - XL
ADULT S - XL

T-SHIRTS

\$25



T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE IN:
SKY / BLACK / GREY
YOUTH XS - XL
ADULT S - XL

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Name _____
Grade _____

PRICES INCLUDE TAXES.

Item	Adult/ Youth	Size	Colour	Price

Total - _____

Decker Lake Elementary Parent Advisory Committee

Next meeting Date: **Monday, November 3, 2025 @ 6pm**
at DLES Library

facebook

DLES PAC would love
for you to look us up &
join us on Facebook!

**"Decker Lake
Elementary School
Parent Group"**



\$2 entry

Concession!

DLES PAC

Movie Night!!!

Friday,

October 17, 2025

Location: DLES Gym

Doors open @ 5:30 pm

Movie starts @ 6 pm

Children must be accompanied
by a parent to attend.

Cops for Cancer made a special visit to our school!!



In our Indigenous Language & Culture program, Helen Michelle taught how to make Soapberry Ice Cream!!!



Soapberry ice cream is an Indigenous dessert made from [soapberries](#) (*Shepherdia canadensis*) that are whipped with water and a sweetener, such as sugar, to create a foamy, meringue-like consistency. The process uses the natural soap-like [saponin](#) found in the berries, which creates the frothy texture. The dish is a sweet and tangy treat with a unique taste, and it's traditionally consumed after feasts.



Let's Talk About Learning!!!

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Early dismissal 11:47 am

Please contact the office to make appointments to meet with your child's teacher.

Appointments available between
2 pm to 6 pm



School Board Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2025
6:30 pm

Room 112 @ FSJSS
Fort St. James, BC

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education. Due to limited space and seating availability, please request your seat in advance if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information for the Teams link.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes.

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Board Biz...



Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025.

[Policy 302.7.2 – Unexpected Health Emergencies](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage at www.sd91.bc.ca/policies-and-regulations.



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.

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EXPECT RESPECT &
A SAFE EDUCATION

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for
free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a
conversation

Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on
erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care



Medication Forms

Has your child developed a new condition such as:

- Asthma
- Allergies

Or **any other condition that requires a medication?** Please contact the school office and we will help you with documentation.

Decker Lake Wants YOU...

School District 91 and DLES have opportunities available well-worth checking into! Try considering a career change or a location change and spend more **awesome** time with your kids while investing in their futures. Your schedule could be aligned with your kids which means they'd be in class on time, at school every day, and they'd benefit from your commitment to your job. Check out "Join Our Team" on SD91.bc.ca. Just a little thing to think about...!